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COURT HOLDS "SLEEPING SICKNESS" NOT COMPENSABLE UNDER COMPENSATION ACT.

The following abstract of a court decision is taken from the advance sheets of the Northeastern Reporter, issue of June 21, 1921:

The claimant in *Donovan v. Alliance Electric Co.*, 186 New York Supplement, 813, received a bump on his head in the course of his employment. He subsequently developed sleeping sickness, for which injury he was allowed an award by the New York Industrial Commission. This award was reversed by the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division, Third Department, in an opinion by Judge Woodward.

Dr. Kennedy, a witness, while admitting that comparatively little is known of sleeping sickness, testified that recent experience has demonstrated that it is the result of an infection and not the result of trauma; the fact that the claimant developed sleeping sickness following the bump upon his head is merely a coincidence. The evidence the court holds to be entirely insufficient to sustain an award. Judges John M. Kellogg and Kiley dissented.